# The Iron Brigade

STORY OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC

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CHAPTER XXVL

WHAT A LETTER REVEALED. Once again had Lee's valiant army slowly retired to the Potomac and leisurely recrossed, superb even in defeat, Just as after Antietam, the cabinet, the committee on the conduct of the war (that remarkable annex to our military system) and countless critics all over the north, stormed at the Army of the Potomac because it seemed to follow at respectful distance, content to,

let the erring brethren go in peace. Then came the final resolution of the great war president, that as he and Hallack and Stanton had long tried. without success, the business of "bossing" armies in the field, it was time to turn the whole thing over to a single stage manager. Then came Grant and the beginning of the end. At this time, Fred Benton, twice honorably mentioned and recommended for the brevet of major, found himself again summoned to Washington, this time a witness before a military commission for the trial of one Peter Jennings, civilian, for whose apprehension with a whole skin the First Virginia cavalry stood ready to pay a round sum and the "Stonewall" to supplement it with another, each claiming prior right to perforate or sear that skin at sight. The Virginians swore that he sold information to the federals, and had betrayed Ladue, of the Eleventh Alabama, into their hands, even while Stanton and others at the war department were ready to swear the tall Virginian's life away to the charge of giving information to the rebels.

Among the papers in poor Ladue's possession was the original draft of the report he had written the commanding officer of the Eleventh Alabama of his flight across the Potomac and capture by union cavalry near Mathias Point. Not until he reached a certain farmhouse near Port Tobacco did he know who were the officers escaped from prison camp near Annapolis, and his joy was great when Jack Chilton appeared among them. He and Chilton were ferried over on a dark, wintry night, and landed at a fisherman's house three miles below the Point, and there, to his infinite concern, Paul found that he had lost his pocket memorandum book, well nigh filled with notes concerning the troops, also sketch maps of field fortifications, all of which he felt confident would be of value to Gen. Lee. Then there were private papers in the book of vast importance to him if to no one else. A racking chill had come on as the result of exposure to the raw night wind, and Jack and the fisherman secreted him in a barn. Then Chilton deliberately went back to Maryland in search of the missing property. Thereby he escaped capture by the cavalry piloted by Jennings. When searched, Ladue was found to have no incriminating papers about him-a disappointment to his captors and obviously a puzzle to Jennings-for Ladue heard him whislearned that he had been compelled to remain in hiding many weeks in Charles county before the vigilance of the Federals was again relaxed and he could finally effect his escape. Then there was a letter, unfinished, for Elinor, which Fred had sealed and sent to her, and it was through her, four weeks later, that he learned that Paul well knew he had not long to live, and had really hoped to meet a soldier's death in front of the charging line One longing he had, he owned, that would probably never be gratified—that of branding McKinnon as a liar and a thief, for young Larry O'Toole, he that used to sweep out and sprinkle the store and had enlisted as a drummer in the Montgomerys after Paul's banishment, had strayed in search of forbidden luxuries just before Chancellorsville, and Stuart's men had nabbed him and run him off to Richmond Ladue was favored with O'Toole's account of McKinnon's bribing him to purloin those St. Louis letters. With this confirmation of his theories burning within him, Paul had gone to Charlottesville, spending one day with the Chiltons and hearing kindness to the imperiled son. Rosalie had listened in silent acquiescence until Paul burst in with vehement denunciation of the whole story-told them of McKinnon's treachery to him then came a strange part of the letter.

Elinor copied it verbatim:-"Miss Chilton grew more and more excited as I talked, and finally whirled on me with 'How can you speak of devoted friendship on the part of a and was only balked by-by Jack's part, and if I see any more of it-I'll going back for your old note book!' Then she rushed out of the room, and I had to go right on to Gordonsville and could only write to her that, that too, was probably one of McKinnon's slanders, and there wasn't a word of truth in it-that no one was more amazed than Fred when they brought me in. I've not yet heard from her, but I shall, and Jack shall know the

moment I can find him. "Was it not strange that that same old notebook, which she risked so much to send to me that night Fred caught her at the stone house, should later have been the means of saving Jack? She found it in the breast pocket of my new uniform coat at Henry's, and glancing through the pages saw the sketches and memoranda I had even then been making; supposed it was of vast importance, -something that we ought to have and, fearing it bethought her of Jennings and Judge Armistend; slipped into my uniform, and Fred has probably told you the city, and here it was, after Yellow Tav-

So there it was at last: -- the story of est, yet most opportune, meetings of her daring and devotion and Benton, had he but opened his heart to Paul in the few days that they were together at the Chiltone, might have known it all! There then was McKinnon, furthermore, unmasked, and even more of a blackguard than they had deemed him. Now, at least, must Rosalie know how utterly she had wronged the man whose devotion to her she surely could not fail to realize, yet not a line from her had found its way to Elinor. There was some comfort in the belief that now she knew, buthow he longed to get at McKinnon for

further comfort! And now that queer customer, Jennings, was also under the ban, was he? And they needed Benton's evidence-Benton whose brevet hung fire for reasons he could not understand-Benton who didn't love the war office and who well knew he had found no favor in the grim, deep-set eyes behind those comprehensive spectacles. There was little he could really tell of Jennings, though he had never forgotten that story about the Indiana sergeant seeing Rosalie toss the packet to him in the rush and excitement at the stone house. If that story were true she must have thought him faithful at the time at least. That fateful notebook, filled with Paul's clever topographical sketches and his daily memoranda-what had not Rosalie dared in her effort to send it to safe hands! What sacrifice had not Chilton made in recrossing the Potomac that wintry night in hopes of recovering it! Where was it now? thought Benton, as once again he caught sight of the unfinished dome of the great white capitol. A very suitable bit of property the little volume might be to a southern chieftain again invading Maryland with an army at his back-and a very dangerous one for southern officer to be caught with-if alone!

> CHHAPTER XXVII. LOUNSBERRY'S LAST STING.

Gettysburg had thinned the grand old First corps into the proportions of a small division. Consolidation became the watchword, and, with Revnolds dead and his successors devoid of influence, it had none in power to preserve its autonomy. The Second, Fifth and Sixth corps retained their badges and their name. The Eleventh and Twelfth, sent to the west, were "telescoped" and called the Twentieth. The



"THEY'LL HANG HIMP

pering with the officer in command. Third had lost its grip, with Sickles' The last Paul had seen of Chilton was leg, at Gettysburg-its way, with Benton's eyes, even before he noted the pretty features of the family? Her ly its place and name-being distributed As for what was left of the First, most of it, under gray-headed Wadsworth, went as the Fourth division to the Fifth corps, our old friends of the Iron Brigade ruefully shedding the blood-red disk and decking their caps with the Maltese cross.

But the story of several who set forth with them was still unfinished. Fred Benton, who had ridden with their battling line on many a bloody day, came not homeward with the few survivors. A strange fortune had been his after Wadsworth fell. There had been many a reason, as has been told, for believing that the tall Virginian, Jennings, had played a double game from first to last. Benton's evidence had little helped the prosecution, however, and when the young officer was again summoned to the war department and again questioned as to his relations with the Chiltons, he finally "fired up," and declared the line of inquiry a reflection on his loyalty and integrity. Stanton so hated the rebellion that he seemed to hold no officer above suspicion who did not hate everything connected with it, and Benton could not be made to hate from the doctor a strange story of the Chiltons-any of them-or to look McKinnon's generosity to them and with anything less than love on the memory of Paul Ladue.

So he came back from Washington in time for the Mine Run affair, boiling over with wrath at the way he had been badgered. Stanton as much as and his hatred of the Bentons,-told intimated that Benton knew Jennings them of Fred's devoted friendship, and to be false to his obligations, and was shielding him as he had striven to defend the Chiltons and Ladue. "No man can serve two masters young sir," said the stern secretary, "and you can't properly serve your courtry and shield those in rebellion against it. I've seen man who planned to capture you both too much of this disposition on your

break you!" Words were these to be well remem-

bered in the light of later events. No wonder Benton was affame with indignation, and narrowly did he escape court-martial for the hot wrath of his reply. He demanded a court of inquiry but to no purpose. There was little evidence but his own. He con- has done you no wrong!" tinued to serve with Wadsworth, who, from having been more than half inclined at one time to share Stanton's views, had now reasons of his own for differing radically with that tremenlous power, and took up the cudgel for Fred in his vehement fashion, and might have gotten into serious trouble of his own had it not been for the shot that ended it all that bitter day in the wilderness. Then Benton was transferred for a time to the headquarters of the cavalry corps, and rode with Sheridan to Yellow Tavern, where the plumes of Stuart went down would fall into the hands of the enemy, at last, and the brilliant leader of the he won't! They've got Jack Chilton southern horse was borne away to hard and fast this time—a spy with a die within the walls of the weeping hatful of information and they'll hang Mr. Fred Benton had one of the old-

It was a soft, moonlit night in May Three confederate officers, unhorsed and captured, had been brought to Sheridan's camp fire near the Richmond road, and in one of these Benton instantly recognized young Winston, wearing now the braid of major of cavalry. The recognition was mutual, and Benton's well-filled fask was brought into requisition at the instant. Benton saw the Virginian was in deep chagrin. A question as to Louns berry's whereabouts was all that was needed, and Winston launched at once into a tirade. There never was such infernal luck, he said. For months three men had been hounding that fellow to get an accounting from him on a matter that-that-well, Pelham's sister had been engaged-at least believed herself engaged-to Lounsberry ever since early in the war, yet in January came the announcement of his approaching marriage to a widow of wealth and social position in Charleston. He had tricked Maud most damnably, said Winston, and Lloyd Pelham the very young fellow who was so nearthere near Gainesville, a captain now and only 20, had been trying to get a fight out of him, and so had Jack Chilton, but Floyd had the best claim, and now Lounsberry had actually been nailed. He had come to Stuart with dispatches and Pelham had slashed him in the face with his gauntlet. A meeting had been arranged for to-morrow morning. He, Winston, was Pelham's second, and would almost give his parole, were such a thing possible to an officer of Stuart's cavalry, to get back to the confederate lines and bring that fellow to book.

"You owe him a grudge as well as Maud Pelham's kinsmen," said he. "Sooner or later he's got to fight or funk. I can't be there to second Pelham, and now there's no telling when any of us can get at him."

"Why not Chilton?" asked Fred. "Chilton!" and Winston flushed with mbarrassment. "Chilton has just been sent away on-other duty."

With his wounded leader and kinsnan-to Richmond?" hazarded Fred. "No-o," was the halting reply. In fact Winston could not say whither he

had gone. It seemed long indeed before any of those who owed Lounsberry a grudge were enabled to "get at him." But there came a time, and not to those that wore the gray, but to Benton, still

serving with Sheridan. Grant had crossed the James and inested Petersburg, when to shake him cose, if possible, by the old device of scaring Washington, Early was sent down the Shenandoah valley, with 12,-000 men and orders to stir up Maryland. Silr accordingly he did, until the arrival of the Sixth corps from the | manner. James and the approach of the Nineteenth. Then Early harked back, leaving just a few of his men cut off by a sudden rush of union cavalry, own staff, an almost invaluable officer. So, this warm August evening, as Benton came riding down from a scout among the beautiful evidently bowed with care and sorrow. stare. The third form was that of a girl, slender, graceful, and in her walk there brimmed and feathered. Benton follittle home, while the other two walked street, followed along a hedge of rose

that December night, but later he French's head, at Mine Run, and finalthat she were a drab felt hat, broadthe same shade or white ones. Your
the same shade or white ones. Your enter the gateway of an unpretentious during all the years to come. slowly on. Quickly he crossed the girl is motherless-could realize that know them or not, writes Elizabeth bushes, turned sharply through the in hand! Every year that passes will gate, and face to face at the trellised fix the habits more and more firm- handsomest street costume, with porch met the girl whom he had first ly, until they are beyond help, unless pretty waist of the same color, and a

seen sauntering along that leafy side street at Charlottesville in the spring of '62. Bearded, bronzed and stalwart as he was to-day, she saw nothing to remind her of the pallid prisoner of the Chiltons, and only indignation at his intrusion blazed in her cheeks and eyes, but, in spite of gallant effort she struck her colors at his very first word, when, with uplifted forage-cap he bowed and calmly addressed her:

'Miss Pelham, I believe, whom

had the pleasure of seeing at Char-

lottesville. I hope your brother is not wounded-and here. Then he repented him of his cruelty when he saw her sway and stretch forth her hand for the support of the railing at the steps. "Pardon me," he continued, his blue eyes fixed on her almost ashen face, "but nothing less could have brought you here, and, pardon me again, but I must enter," and he moved as though to pass her by

Instantly, almost in terror, she grasped

his arm. "No! Oh, no!" she cried. "I give my word! My brother is not here!" "Then I am more than glad," said Benton, for it all seemed to flash ever him in the instant, and, despite her clinging hands and almost frantic ap peal, he sprang up the steps and into the open doorway. There on the bed. gaunt, fever-stricken, and gazing up at the startled, colored mammy, acting as nurse, and then into the face of the blue-uniformed intruder, lay the wreck of the one personal enemy Fred Benton was aware of in all Virginia-

Maud Pelham sprang past the union officer and stood almost defiantly fac-"You shall not take him-touch him!" she cried, in tones intense and

all that was left of Scott Louisberry.

"He is terribly wounded. He low. "He tried hard to harm me and he made you the fastrument," he said. "Did you not know that note was meant to lure me into a trap? Did you not know that his men were waiting

there to seize or possibly kill me?" From the bed there came a feeble cackle of laughter, and the girl's wild, dilated eyes that at Benton's words were staring at him, turned in sudden alarm to the fevered man, whose voice quavered in a sneer of mingled

hate and triumph. "You got away, thanks to her, and her meddling, but he won't-by Godhim within the week!"

HENRY'S MANDOLIN.



Squire Redears (visiting son at col-lege)-Wall, by grass, Henry! Ef ye hain't gone an' had one of ther oldpertater bugs from th' farm stuffed!

She deserves the title, as far as ap- dren most of the night. I called on

WORRY AND WRINKLES.

Fretting Worse Than Late Hours to

Invite Father Time to Lay

on His Touches.

"I know a woman who never goes out

work and she worries about her chil-

MASAGE ACROSS THE BROW.

saging to get the crow's feet out of

"Worry kills many a beauty.

and manage to look fairly well, but

AT AN AFTERNOON TEA.

and Duties of Those That

Are to Receive.

entertaining as possible for those that

Biddle, in the Philadelphia Press.

one, and white gloves.

same day.

or gloves.

to those who follow.

you know, and to assist in serving re-

If you are merely a guest, wear your

Leave one of your own and two of

the host. This will be sufficient, even

if a daughter's name appears upon the

tea card. But, in case the card of some

one not living in the house is inclosed

you must .ea a cards for ner. This is

the more correct style, although at the

present day, in order to save time and

trouble, some persons only leave one

of their own cards and one of their

If you should not be able to go to

the tea, you must mail ane cards the

It is not necessary to remove your

wraps, but if you wish to do so go at

once to the dressing-room and take off

your coat and furs, but not your hat

On entering the drawing-room, if

you have not previously met your

hostess, mention your name as you

shake hands with her. Do not carry

on a conversation of any length with

the hostess, as she will wish to speak

DICTATES OF FASHION.

The suspender craze has reached the

bathing costumes, and several new sus-

pender models are shown-all novel

skirt and suspenders of white serge

banded blue silk and a blouse of white.

brown is called "Maryland," and is

particularly effective in cloth. A prin-

little loose jacket, of linen voile in light

bisque color, has a lot of lace and

bright blue embroidery set in the jack-

et. The hat, which is of a beige col-

ored straw, is heavily trimmed with

There are novelties in dress, and

mong the novelties may be counted

the flying sleeves, which are coming

in. These consist of sleeves, fitting

rather snugly in the inside, but with

the outer side arranged in a marvelous

see great full wing effects near the

of the sleeve all gathered. Another

pair of sleeves, built for a stouter arm,

but with the lower part quiet plain.

"The worrying woman

## AN UNGRACEFUL CHILD.

ly killed trying to save Lounsberry out Persistence in Bad Habits Changes a Pretty Little Girl Into an Ugly Duckling.

> There is a family of three girls, two of whom always pass for beauties, to dinners and dances, and who does wrifes Katherine Morton, in the Wash- not take in the opera, says Mme. ington Star. The third is known to D'Arcy, but she is tired just the same. neighbors as "The Riggs' Ugly Duck- She spends her evening doing fancy ling."

> pearance goes; the most charitable her one evening last week, and found cannot deny the fact. And yet, on her worrying about Willy, who was careful inspection, it will be seen that as well as a boy could be. the two pretty girls have most irregular features. One is freckled; the make up more than than the woman other's face is badly shaped, being far removed from the dieal oval. The poor little Ugly Duckling has a straight, short nose, a delicately curved mouth with sensitive lips, an oval face, and a clear complexion. Why is she homely?

The answer is because of awkwardness. The child has every ungainly babit that a child can acquire, and all because nobody has taken the pains to help her break these habits while she is young and the matter is comparatively easy.

She is pigeon-toed. This is not because of any natural malformation (and even if it were, the matter could very likely be remedied by exercises or braces), but merely because she has formed the habit of letting one who dissipates. She gets lines soontoe turn in. The other turns in er, and in addition to her making up, neither direction, but points straight she must put in an hour or so mas ahead.

Next, she is round-shouldered. She her face. It is a pity women have to is passionately fond of books and worry so. Better be like Becky Sharp, music, and she has been allowed to sit | who took things as they came, and did at the piano or over a book with her without them when they went, all with shoulders rounded in a distressing the same cheerful demeanor.

Her forward shoulders cause her chest to recede. This position affects and part of the night before can re the whole body. She is coming to claim herself a little. She can take have a protruded abdomen, which al- an aromatic bath, massage away the one of these a young captain of his most always accompanies round shoulders.

She is near-sighted. This may be considered a misfortune, not a fault. lines of indigestion and late hours are Record. She bites her nails continually while slight little things compared to the awheights that border the valley on the in company. Occasionally she bites ful furrows in the face of the worrying east, he stopped his horse at the public her pretty lips. She is a most bashtrough and caught a glimpse of three ful child, and her diffidence has led her vice to the woman who wants to be forms that had stopped short at sight to pick up these disagreeable habits. very pretty in the evening." of the blue-jackets and, after a mo- She suffers constantly from the feelment's hesitation, had turned back the ing that "people are looking at her." as way they came. One, an elderly clergy- she expresses it, and she cannot sit man, gave his arm to a gentlewoman, or stand at repose under the imagined

Do you wonder the poor child is known as the Ugly Duckling? And was something vaguely familiar to that nobody ever notices that she has can see beyond it. She bids fair to remain the wall-flower of the family

If only her aunt-for the poor little now is the time to take the matter the girl's own will power should prove white or light colored hat, if you have strong enough to force her into a voluntary reform. But the distorted body is forming now, and it will mean a your husband's cards upon the tray as difficult and long and weary process you enter. One of your husband's later on to train the muscles back into cards is for the hostess, the other for their normal position.

# A NEAT LITTLE COAT.

A Wrap Suitable for Fall Days or for Colder Ones of the Later Season.

Our model coat is a very useful little husband's, or brother's, whichever .. garment. It is a loose sacque, slightly may be, for the entire receiving party. shaped in at the waist at sides; the knots, draw the end of the leading



with large pearl buttons. The collar is of self-material faced to within one inch of the edge with goods of con-trasting color. The band is kept in position by short pointed straps at the

It is a trim garment, and one that requires a small amount of goods, and manner. Upon one pair of sleeves you

Know the Difficulty. People who have children of their own are always slow to advise others is made with all the fullness high up now to raise their children.

Teasible. The proposal made at the reciprocity conference to substitute a "high and low" tariff for trade treaties is merely another way of achieving the same end. It is not a new idea and there is no particular indication that it is an Are Busily Storing Up Sweets for improvement over the old one, says the Detroit Free Press. Without questioning either the sincerity or the enthusiasm of the delegates we may nevertheless nurse misgivings when a party to such a conference states expressly that reciprocity and free trade are synonomous terms and neither, there-

fore, to be accepted as an evidence of

be pardoned at this time for being

skeptical and retaining a little fear

that the stand-patters have stolen into

the camp of the enemy and are begin-

THE "HIGH-LOW" TARIFF.

An Idea That Is Not New, Neither

Is It by Any Means

ning to fight them from behind also. It is a matter of easy recollection that the Dingley tariff was at its inception paraded not only as a protective measure which met all the demands of the tariff zealots, but it was also a kind of self-operating arrange ment which would force other countries into making tariff concessions in our favor. On this understanding dezens of votes which would otherwise have been hostile were secured for the bill. It was an excellent forcing measure. Foreign countries met our comndssioner more than half way for the negotiation of trade treaties. But the

senate pigeonholed them all. We have a tariff whose average schedules are higher than meet general approval and we have no reciprocity treatles. Now it is assumed that a "high and low" tariff would meet all the requirements of the situation and be most likely to become a law. Doubtless it would, but it is easy to foresee that some condition would be interposed to make its automatic operation impossi-

ble and the net result would be a tariff changed in some particulars, but with chedules of as high average as those we have now. When a representative reciprocity conference begins to yield in a single point experience dictates that it is pertinent to think there is something amiss.

### BELATED ACKNOWLEDGMEN'T

An Increase in Cost of Living Is Admitted by Recent Federal Statistics.

A little while before the last presidential election, it will be remembered, a report was issued by the department of commerce and labor to show that ishing partisan report, in the face of the following suggestions: the woman who has worried all day so much evidence to the contrary, was lines, repair ravages as best she may worry lines are terribly deep. The

woman. Don't worry is the best ad-Etiquette Obtaining on This Occasion the upward tendency. If you are to receive, wear a high-

necked evening gown, with gloves of duties will be simply to make it as freshments to every one, whether you To all who have seriously expense of the masses of the American people. The only question is how long the "stand-patters" will be able to persuade the victims to continue the worship of the tariff fetich to which they

are now making so many sacrifices,

How the Millions Are Made, It does not appear in what way the millions of the (American) giver of the tail. Venetian banquet (in London) were made. But as a member of congress said the other day, a good many of these colossal piles of wealth owed their existence to tariff legislation. It is believed that before the civil war there were not more than three millionaires in the United States. Now, their number is legion, and their colossal accumulations dwarf the petty savings of the Girouards the demands of war, being maintained ors of the tribute have now got posronto Sun.

For Reform in Off Years.

There are a certain class of newspapers that although very respectable and decent are most dangerous politalways lend their aid to the repub-Hean ticket just before election. They rope in democrats to subscribe for them on the ground of being indepenrather than beautiful. One suit has and another model in red serge has a journals generally support them. They blouse of natural pongee silk dotted in crave the money of democratic adver-One of the fashionable shades of running for office. Democrats should well on it helps the sorrel, for it fight shy of such wolves in sheep's clothing and support these newspapers cess suit made of this and worn with a that favor reform and reformers about be best fought by liming the land, if election time.

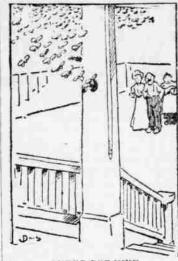
Will the President Back Down? The power of the railroads over politics and politicians and how they accomplish their continual plundering of the people was expressed pretty plainly by President Roosevelt the other day when he said: "Some corporations exhaust every effort which can be suggested by the highest ability or secured by the most lavish expenditure of money to defeat the purposes of the laws on the statute books." Now the question is will the president back down from his shoulder. Another has the upper side declared purpose to bring the railroads to time. He is reported to have surrendered on tariff revision to the stand pat-



BEES IN PORCH PILLAR.

Winter, Which Alton (Ill.) Fau.ily Hopes to Enjoy.

A swarm of bees paid a visit to the esidence of E. A. Clement, of No. 720 Grove street, Alton, Ill., last Sunday and immediately proceeded to take pessession of the back part of ...e louse. Mr. Clement's sweet tooth beanything but heresy. The public will gan to wat , and he made prepara



QUEER BEE HIVE.

tions to hive the little visitors. The bees, however, had already selected heir new quarters, and began moving through an aperture in the base of a bollow column on the veranda.

The entire swarm was soon inside ind at work preparing to store up their next winter's supply of honey. 'Oh, very well," said Mr. Clement, 'why doth the busy bee, anyhow? Stay where you are, and next winter I will remove a section of the post and revel the accumulated sweetness." And n the meantime visions of milk and ioney flit through the peaceful dreams if the Clement household.

### CARE OF MANES AND TAILS

Some Valuable Suggestions for the Improvement in Appearance of the Horse.

In response to an inquiry as to there has been in recent years no sub- what to do to improve rough, uneven stantial increase in the prices of neces- and unsightly manes and tails, a leadsaries of living. Although the aston- ing horse authority gives its readers

"Cleanliness is the first thing to be vehemently attacked by the democrats, looked after. If dirt is suffered to acthe time was too short to thoroughly cumulate at the roots of the long hair expose its widely propagated errors, the horse will rub and destroy it. The report served its partisan purpose Therefore, good, honest soap and and that was enough for its supporters water is a mighty aid to keep manes and promoters, says the Philadelphia and tails looking well. A little sheep dipzenoleum is excellent, used period-But a new report from the same offi- cally at the roots of the long hair cial source renders belated homage to will stimulate growth measurably the truth. From this report it appears and kill or repel vermin that may have that from 1890 to 1904—with the ex-ception of the period of 1893-1896—the borse is rubbing his tail, which he alprices of necessaries of living have ways is when anything is wrong, the steadily advanced. Of 25 staple arti- first thing to be done is to discover the cles in the use of every family the cause. Then apply pientifully soap and prices are shown to be higher in 1904 water and the solution described. One than in the years from 1890 to 1960, part of the dip in 50 parts of warm waand there appears in 1905 no check to ter is right as to strength. Then the mane and tall should be kept clean by Perfidiously as the facts have been the use of comb and brush and more or perverted for partisan ends, this is no less frequent washing. The long hair news to fathers of families and house- should be dried as well as possible after vives who pay the weekly market each scouring, and when the dip solubills. Nor is there any mystery as to tion is applied there is no need to slop the chief cause of the economic phe. It over so that it runs down or away from the skin where it is needed. It onsidered the subject the cause lies should be rubbed in briskly for a few in a spoliatory tariff system which moments. The mane and tail should be favors the trusts and monopolies at the handled gently. It is very easy to tear out great quantities of the long hair with a common currycomb, and in that very way much damage is done. A currycomb should never be used on a mane or tail. Use the comb specially designed for the purpose, should never be plaited to make it look crinkly. To plait it is to break off the hair and in time to spoil the looks of the

# SORREL AS A PEST.

The Best Method of Fighting This Weed Is by Liming the Land Thoroughly.

In many parts of the country red forrel is very abundant and wherever It is found in abundance it must be and the Astors. A tariff enacted to meet extirpated. The farmers that have been casting about them for a means for the purposes of private gain, has of getting rid of this pest will find enormously enriched a small section of that liming the land helps greatly. the population by the tribute which it | The writer of this was recently in a has extorted from the rest. The exact- part of Illiagis where'red sorrel has spread everywhere. The fields are red session of the senate, and the policy of with it and the farmers complain that their gains bids defiance to reform,-To- it is so abundant that it interferes greatly with their crops. There was one field where lime had been used in part of the field and the rest left without lime. In the part that hall been limed there was little sorrei ically. They are great on reform, but while on the other part it grew in abundance. It was evident that it found lime not to its liking.

The popular impression is that sorrel indicates sour land, and this be dent in politics. No matter how un- lief doubtless has in it some truth; suitable for office, or what grafting though sorrel will grow on land that is propensities republican candidates sweet. It is like some other plants, may have shown, these independent it has its preference, and in this case it is for land that is too acid for the growing of some other plants. The tisers, but refuse to support them if very fact that other plants do not do leaves the land free for its use. Sorrel says the Farmer's Review, can it is inclined toward sourness and then putting it into a crop that needs cultivation. We have never seen tha sorrel persist under such treatment. We solicit communications from our readers on this point.

Breaks All Records.

Tom Erickson's lady goose has broken all records in the egg line. She has laid 24 eggs in 30 days, and is still laying. Tom, who is a student of "Macbeth," calls her Macduff, because she is laying on. About 15 eggs is an average setting, but this lady goose challenges all other lady geese to do half as well as she will. Bring on your geese .- Chinook Observer.